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**From:** Robin Reid  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:27 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Cc:** reid Reid  
**Subject:** F-35 VT

Dear Nicholas Germanos:

Thank you for accepting my testimony on the F-35 making its base in Chittenden County, Vermont.

I am concerned for the Vermont residents who will be exposed to adverse living conditions as base activity negatively impacts the quality of life of this densely populated area. I have spoken with many people who are very upset with the plans to site the F-35 in such a peaceful residential zone. I am aware that some citizens patently accept decisions of the military no matter what but many of these supporters do not live near the base. The choice to expand military operations in such a livable area doesn't make sense to me in today's world. Siting the F-35 in a more remote location is a more sensible approach.

The process has also been disturbing as the arrangements seem to have been secured in an advantageous political deal. It would appear that siting the F-35 in Vermont is a previously sealed "done deal" and that consideration of public comment is dubious at best. This is disturbing when one considers the basic tenets of democracy. Also, reports of flaws and inefficiencies of the F-35 itself make ordinary citizens wonder what is really going on with military operations. The real reasons for this initiative are clouded by political and social fanfare while doubts and misgivings of the public are being treated as a nuisance. Knowledge-based opinions are conflicting and the level of public confidence is low. At least there is some notable resistance to the proposal but discussions for possible alternatives are few. I have heard from many individuals who have completely lost respect and confidence in Vermont's political leaders.

The road to peace is not through weapons escalation. If the modern war machine must prevail, why not at least keep it in more remote areas. Such sites exist in this region, for example, the abandoned air fields in Plattsburgh, NY. I personally do not find the roar of these jets to be the sound of freedom. To me, it's another sign of man vs. nature (or man vs. man) and ultimately, this is a losing battle. The potential destruction of our environment and of fellow man that can be wreaked by our military might is fearful at best. If civilian well-being can be so rashly overlooked in the quest for a weapons technology home base, I can not help but worry about the fate of our alleged enemies. In the meanwhile, we are fully equipped to destroy our habitat and ourselves in the process.

Thank you again for reading my words.

With great sincerity,  
Robin Reid

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**From:** Anne Linton  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:31 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Comment on F-35 Basing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,

Paul Fleckenstein wrote the following note to you which sums up my feelings perfectly. Please consider his opinion mine in this matter:

"Dear Mr. Germanos,

I oppose the basing of the F-35 at Burlington's airport. The hundreds of important comments on the EIS to date opposing the basing indicate how destructive and dangerous the basing would be. Residents close to the airport are overwhelmingly opposed.

But unfortunately no one can participate in this comment process with confidence that the Air Force is seriously concerned with environmental impacts, or that impacts will affect the basing decision. The very fact that Burlington remains a preferred basing location despite the EIS finding that 8,000 adults and children, renters, and modest income homeowners will be forced to live in an area deemed unsuitable for residential use because of extreme noise levels erases confidence in the process. The Boston Globe reported that the Vermont Air Guard falsified initial scoring data to discount obvious negative environmental impacts of the basing. The single hearing held in 2012 on the EIS was scripted by the Air Force into a public relations event front loaded with Congressional spokespersons and commercial representatives who will economically benefit from the basing and future Pentagon contracts with Vermont industry. Both groups were oblivious to the content of the EIS and this further confirms the illegitimacy of the process.

The current revised EIS, while acknowledging health damage to people, continues to downplay the effects of a warplane that is at least 2-4 times as loud as the F-16 on take off and landing. The revised EIS ignores recent research on airport noise and health.

The World Health Organization, based on the research of the last ten years, finds that people chronically exposed to F-35 noise levels will suffer increased risk of high blood pressure and heart attack, and that 50% of the children will suffer cognitive impairment. See <http://www.stopthef35.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Endangered-Health-Threat-From-F-35-Basing.pdf>

Significantly, the Air Force, Vermont Air Guard, and Vermont's political establishment view the EIS process as a bothersome but obligatory exercise that apparently has less weight in the basing decision than the unexamined claims by the government about the mission of the F-35. Given the U.S.'s global military dominance and lack of military competitor, and given the warplane's design--as F-16 designer Pierre Sprey stated, the F-35, like the F-16, will only function well as a high altitude bomber--the plane's use will be as an offensive, first-strike weapon carrying thousands of pounds air-to-ground weaponry. In Iraq, the F-16 was used to bomb as part of a horrific war and occupation based on lies that has left the country in shambles. By 2006, just three years into the occupation, the British medical journal The Lancet estimated that the war was responsible for the deaths of over 650,000 Iraqis, many of those victims of bombing. This type of mission stokes bitterness and hatred toward U.S. rulers and policies that may result in yet more violence.

The F-35 will not defend anyone, but will increase the risks of violence and terrorism. There is no justification, no public benefit to counterbalance the negative effects of the warplane



basing in Burlington. This is yet another reason the F-35 program should be eliminated and the hundreds of billions of dollars now going to military contractors should be redirected to useful public programs that contribute to the well being of our communities and planet.

Paul Fleckenstein

Sincerely,  
Anne Elston

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**From:** Sam Jackson  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:31 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35 in Burlington VT

Mr. Germanos,

Please help Vermont, particular those residents whose lives will be negatively impacted by the proposed basing of F-35s at the Burlington airport. This basing decision defies logic on several levels -first, why place these planes in such a densely populated area when the air force has available sites that would impact far fewer people? Second, why ignore the financial damage this will inflict on the Vermonters living in the affected area? The fact that Vermont's congressional representatives have refused to meet with the citizens who are affected is, obviously, out of your control but certainly raises a huge red flag for me as I consider the motives behind the efforts to base these planes in Vermont. Vermont does not need the F-35 here (the plane itself has serious flaws and is just one more military expense that US tax payers are shouldering at a time when so many other needs are far more pressing).

Sincerely,  
Sam Jackson

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**From:** Heidi St. Peter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:35 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I oppose basing F-35's in Burlington

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I have listened to both sides and read many of my neighbors' comments regarding the housing of F-35 warplanes with the VT National Guard (VTANG). With the deadline looming, I needed to write you with my concerns.

I am opposed to the basing of F-35's in Burlington first and foremost, because of my children. Health research indicates that prolonged exposure to loud noises (even in short bursts) leads to cognitive and hearing impairment, decreased learning, increased stress as well as other health problems. Our 8, 7, and 4 year olds also attend school in Winooski. There will be no escape from the noise for them, and I fear for the effects. Secondly, I oppose the basing because of the real estate research indicating that 80% of homes in city of Winooski will lose value as they will be deemed "not compatible with residential use" because of the noise caused by F-35 aircraft. This is unacceptable. Understanding that that none of the other 5 basing locations impact residents because they are remote locations makes me wonder why we are even still having this conversation. There are other areas that would welcome the F-35's -their rural location would not impact residents in thriving communities like ours. Our community, on the other hand, will lose much. Finally, the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement very clearly states that the economic gain from the basing will be small to non-existent, and that the mission of the Guard will continue even if we do not get the planes.

I certainly hold nothing against the VTANG, and am incredibly grateful to their service for our country. I do not wish to limit their capacity, I only want to insure the continued growth and capacity of our Winooski - my family and my neighbors - as well as the towns that surround us.

Sincerely yours,

Heidi St. Peter

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**From:** Carol Altobelli  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:36 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Opposed to F35

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am strongly opposed to the F35 basing in Burlington, Vermont!

Having followed this controversial issue very closely, I am absolutely convinced that this is the wrong decision for Vermont.

I live in Winooski, directly under the flight path and the current planes (commercial and military) are getting louder and more frequent and are extremely disturbing. Please DO NOT make us endure any more planes or jets even the slightest bit louder. I can't take it anymore!

I own my home and have invested a significant amount of money in it. Our home values are already lower than the surrounding areas in Chittenden County. Please DO NOT send planes that will reduce our home values any further!

My father worked at LaGuardia Airport in New York for 30 years and has significant hearing loss and must wear hearing aids. I have lived under the flight path in Winooski for 25 years and now have hearing loss and will eventually need hearing aids. No one else in my large family have hearing problems, as no one else was exposed to loud noises like planes flying overhead. Possibly my father and myself had more sensitivity to noise than others, but probably we wouldn't have hearing loss if we hadn't been exposed to loud planes and jets overhead.

Please don't purchase these ridiculously expensive jets. The consequences far outweigh the benefits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Carol Altobelli



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**From:** Heidi St. Peter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:40 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I oppose basing F-35's in Burlington

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Sincerely yours,

Heidi St. Peter

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**From:** Delina Gilroy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:43 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35 Comments from the South Burlington School Board  
**Attachments:** Document.pdf

Dear Mr. Germanos,

Please review the attached letter from the South Burlington School Board in reference to the F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement ("Revised Draft EIS").

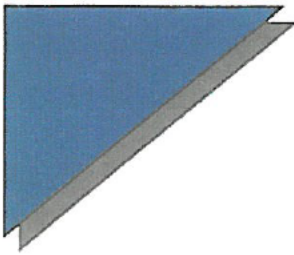
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Air Force's Revised Draft F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement ("Revised Draft EIS"). I am providing comments on behalf of the School Board for the South Burlington School District.

In a May 14, 2012, letter to the Air Force, the School Board submitted comments to the Draft F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement. That letter and the Air Force's responses thereto are included in the appendix to the Revised Draft EIS. (Comment Letter M111). In the May 14 letter, our comments focused on concerns regarding the completeness of the Draft EIS's consideration of the noise impacts on the South Burlington School District of basing 18 or 26 F-35As at the Burlington Air Guard Station. Specifically, we raised issues related to the Draft EIS's consideration of direct noise impacts on the District's schools, the indirect or cumulative impacts on the community from an increased noise level, and mitigation measures.

As addressed below, we continue to have concerns regarding the Air Force's disclosure and consideration of the impacts of basing F-35As at the Burlington Air Guard Station.

### I. Consideration of Noise Impacts on the District's Schools

In our May 14, 2012, letter, we noted that "the Draft EIS does not provide an appropriately detailed examination of the actual impacts this noise interruption would have on classroom learning and student health, relying instead on generalizations related to noise impacts on learning and cognition and health effects on the affected population. Draft EIS at C-20 to C-23, C-30 to C-32[; Revised Draft EIS at C-18 to C-20, C-28 to C-30]. A more detailed analysis specific to this situation is necessary." The Air Force's reply to our concern is non-responsive. (See Revised Draft EIS, Vol. II, Response Number NS-17).

The Revised Draft EIS takes an insufficiently hard look at potential deleterious impacts to children, relying on dated information from 2002 and earlier. Although the Air Force does address effects on learning and cognitive abilities, it has either overlooked or ignored other available literature related to noise impacts on cognition of children. For



example, the World Health Organization's recent publication "Burden of disease from environmental noise," discusses studies related to environmental noise and cognitive impairment in children, suggesting, among other conclusions, a linear association between aircraft noise exposure and impairment of reading comprehension. The Revised Draft EIS does not sufficiently address whether the noise from the F-35As would have such an effect on impacted children who attend South Burlington schools. Further, the EIS's consideration of impacts to children with special needs who may be more vulnerable to noise is inadequate. A full, specific analysis of potential impacts to the school children of South Burlington should be highly relevant to the public and to those making a decision as to the future location of the F-35As.

In our May 14, 2012, letter, we also explained that the Draft EIS fails to address the impacts of the noise on Chamberlin students who are outdoors during recess or lunch, when they would be subjected to far higher noise levels than they encounter in classrooms with the windows closed. In response, the Air Force states that "[t]he relevant guidelines for assessment of classroom learning interference is geared towards indoor classrooms." Revised Draft EIS, Vol. II, Response Number NS-18. The response further states that the EIS provides information (outdoor Leq values) that can be compared to a speech interference criterion of 60 db. *Id.*

The Air Force's consideration of impacts to Chamberlin students who are outdoors is too narrow. The Air Force should take a hard look at more than interference to speech in that situation. It should examine whether the noise from the F-35As will impact the health or cognition of students who are exposed to a higher level of noise while outdoors. Such impacts should not be left unaddressed or addressed with generalities in the EIS.

Before the Air Force makes a decision on the basing of the F-35As, it should take a hard look at the foregoing issues and disclose, in detail, potential impacts, if any, that its decision may have to the school children of South Burlington and other surrounding communities.

## II. Indirect and Cumulative Impacts on the School District

In the May 14, 2012, letter, we expressed the concern that "[s]hould the noise contour used in the FAA's Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program become coextensive with the F-35A scenario noise contours set forth in the Draft EIS, a significant increase in the households in South Burlington as well as Winooski would be subject to that program and could be slated for purchase and destruction." We explained that the Draft EIS mentions but does not analyze the cumulative impacts of the bed down combined with the FAA Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program. Draft EIS at BR4-88, Revised Draft EIS at BR4-93 to 95. We explained that "it is foreseeable that the expanded 65 dB zone that would result from the bed down of F-35As at the Burlington Air Guard Station would lead to a decrease in the number of households and associated population in South Burlington, a resultant decrease in the tax base that funds the District's schools, and a decrease in enrollment in the District's schools."



The Revised Draft EIS does not sufficiently consider these foreseeable impacts. The Air Force explains in response to this concern that it does not have authority over the buyout and redevelopment around Burlington IAP, and thus does not take a hard look at this foreseeable impact. Revised Draft EIS, Vol. II, Response Number SO-6. Because these are foreseeable impacts of the Air Force's proposed action, the Air Force is still obligated to consider the impact, whether or not it has final authority over the buyout program. See 40 CFR s 1508.7 (a cumulative impact is "an impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or person undertakes such other actions"). Moreover, although it may not have authority over the program, the Air Force states that it will "[c]ontinue to work with Burlington IAP and City of South Burlington to support purchase and relocation through the part 150 process. . ." Revised Draft EIS at 2-51. Because the Air Force will have involvement with the program, it should consider the program's impacts in conjunction with its basing decision.

In short, the Air Force should identify the foreseeable reduction in the number of households and associated population in South Burlington should the bed down of F-35As occur at Burlington Air Guard Station. ]

### III. Mitigation Measures

The Revised Draft EIS also continues to provide an inadequate discussion of the mitigation measures that could be used to decrease the impacts on the South Burlington School District. The Air Force's response to our concern merely reiterates that the "Burlington AGS would continue to undertake the voluntary restrictions outlined in the Burlington Noise Compatibility Program Update." Revised Draft EIS, Vol. II, Response Number NS-11. ]

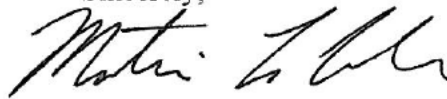
As stated in our May 14, 2012, letter, the Draft EIS suggests that land use for educational services in noise zones of 65-69 or 70-74 dB is "generally compatible with Noise Level Reduction. However, measures to achieve an overall noise level reduction do not necessarily solve noise difficulties and additional evaluation is warranted." Revised Draft EIS at C-17 – C-18. The Revised Draft EIS contains the same statement. Revised Draft EIS at C-14 – C-15. The Revised Draft EIS does not, however, provide any additional evaluation, as we requested and as it suggests is warranted. It does, however state, as it did in the initial Draft EIS, that "design and use of berms and barriers can help mitigate outdoor exposure." C-15. The Air Force should explain further whether such berms and barriers would be practical at the Burlington IAP and should provide information as to the level of noise mitigation that could be reasonably achieved using such measures. It should also explain what noise mitigation measures could be implemented at Chamberlin School that would reduce the impacts to learning and cognitive abilities from basing the F-35As at the Burlington Air Guard Station.

In addition, as requested in our May 14, 2012, letter, the Air Force should further elaborate how mitigation measures could reduce the need to expand the scope of the Part

150 purchase and relocation program. To the extent that noise mitigation measures would limit the Part 150 program, the adverse impact to the School District of a contraction of the city's tax base and decreasing enrollment in District schools could be reduced. The EIS should include specific information regarding this issue.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide further comments on the Air Force's Draft EIS and we look forward to having our concerns and questions addressed. The School Board and the District's Administration continue to be available to provide additional information to the Air Force for its consideration of the impacts of its proposed action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin LaLonde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martin" being more prominent than the last name "LaLonde".

Martin LaLonde  
For the South Burlington School Board

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Frank & Sue Buswell  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:44 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Burlington VT F-35s

To: Nicholas Germanos  
HQ ACC/A7PS  
129 Andrews St, Suite 332  
Langley AFB, VA, 23665-2769

From: Frank C. Buswell

Re: F35 basing in Burlington Vermont

Sir,  
I heartily support the basing of the new F-35 fighters here in the Burlington Vermont area. I believe the protection they will give Vermont and the country far outweigh any possible detrimental impacts that might incur. F-16s have operated out of our airport for years and I'm both proud to see them and appreciate the impact they have on the Northeast US protection. When 9/11 happened our Vermont Air National Guard pilots were soon on the scene, something that local anti-military protesters have apparently and conveniently forgotten. Keep up the good work and remember that for every cry of discontent there are hundreds of silent supporters.  
Sincerely,

Frank C. Buswell

Thanks to our vets we live in America, the land of the free BECAUSE of the brave.





Mr. Nicholas Germanos

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July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Mr. Germanos and the US Air Force,

I am writing to you in **very strong opposition** to the proposal to deploy the new F-35A aircraft to Burlington, Vermont. Given that none of the other basing options are located in residential neighborhoods, I find it **outrageous** that the Air Force would choose to locate these planes in the most densely-populated area of our entire state.

I am a professor of Philosophy, and I have specialized in Theoretical and Applied Ethics for my entire educational training and career. Respectfully, I find this basing proposition to be a **radically unethical, unjust imposition upon citizens**. Even in the crudest utilitarian analysis of cost vs. benefit, I cannot see how this basing would be justified. As “benefit”, there is honor for our Air Guard, little to no benefit to our local economy, and whatever **unexplained** mission capabilities are apparently overriding the **incredible cost** to our neighborhoods and community members.

Those costs are tremendous. When we seek to determine the greatest good for the greatest number of people, human DIGNITY must be weighed more heavily than anything else. This basing, I believe, will result in a violation of the DIGNITY of 7,700 people. That should halt this basing. While that might sound exaggerated, in Ethics, dignity is all about the human being's inherent worth or value. The people who will be affected have worked their whole lives to secure a small piece of what is supposed to be the promise of the American dream – a modest home, a safe environment for their children, and a reasonable quality of life. Do we not deserve to enjoy what we have long-labored to create? The lives that we have built for ourselves are worth **protecting**, while this basing threatens them. It **runs counter to the very mission of the military to protect the well-being of American citizens**. Indeed, this basing reduces the impacted population to casualties of war – to beings who can be sacrificed for the sake of military might.

Please understand that, if this basing were taking place miles and miles away from our residential areas, I would likely not be objecting. I understand that the F-35 program will move forward. **But I believe that it belongs in a remote location.**

In what follows, I wish to explain the many aspects of this basing proposition that I believe violate the rights and dignity of Vermont citizens. Many people tell us that our comments and feedback will have no effect on this decision. But, as I discuss with my Global Studies students, democracy depends on both citizen participation and the willingness of our leaders to listen to us, and to serve our best interests, rather than their own. I hope the Air Force will choose to **serve the interests of citizens**.

My opposition to the F-35A deployment in Vermont is fourfold:



## (1) POPULATION AND OUR HOMES:

The Air Force is asking Vermonters to allow the military to locate these aircraft directly in THE MOST POPULATED AREA OF OUR ENTIRE STATE. These planes will be literally 5 minutes outside of our greatest city! As the Rev.DEIS states, up to 7,700 people will live with noise that registers above 65dB DNL, in homes that will be designated by the FAA, HUD, and other federal agencies as “not compatible with residential use.” This is 3,000 more people than are currently affected in this way. Our own calculations suggest that this is STILL an underestimate of the population within this zone. **I ask the Air Force to re-examine these numbers.** The Rev.DEIS clearly indicates that the F-35 is 3-4 times louder than the F-16, but the F-16 is already almost unbearable. The Air Guard, in fact, denies that the planes are any louder than the F-16, contrary to the Rev.DEIS.

There is no discussion of compensation for what will be lost in terms of the value of our homes, even though in our modest neighborhoods, these homes are our lifelines and our retirement. I don't understand how this is anything but an ***unreasonable seizure of our property, and a radically unjust violation of our rights.*** The Rev.DEIS dismisses studies (in the Appendices) that suggest that homes will lose value, even though careful analysis of real estate studies – and even just common-sense – tells us that homes that are “not compatible with residential use” will not sell for the same prices as homes that are not so designated. We have found dozens of real estate studies that conclude that property values decrease when noise reaches such levels and homes are designated “not compatible with residential use.” These studies have been reviewed, and confirmed as reliable, by economists and statisticians in our local area. ***How can the Air Force, in good conscience, deny that our homes will be less valuable once the noise level is 3-4 times what it is now?*** Who would buy such a home? I will ABSOLUTELY move from this neighborhood if the F-35's are deployed here.

## (2) WINOOSKI – OUR TOWN & OUR DIVERSITY & OUR STRUGGLES

I live in Winooski, where approximately ¾ of the homes lay within the predicted 65 + dB DNL level. This will destroy our city. We are already the lowest-income community in the Burlington area, but what this means in Vermont is that we are the only city near Burlington where young families, young professionals, new Americans, retirees, etc. can afford to purchase a home. Please understand that there are not very many cities or towns directly around Burlington. Winooski and South Burlington are closest. The only other towns or cities close by are Essex, Shelburne, and Williston. After that, all towns are at least 25 minutes by car. ***It is not okay to render ¾ of the houses in 1 of the 5 cities/towns directly surrounding Burlington “not compatible with residential life.”***

The Rev. DEIS says (as did the previous DEIS) that low-income and minority populations are disproportionately negatively affected by this basing. This is a vulnerable community, where many people already struggle to make ends meet. This basing would not be favored by our Congressional delegation, Air Guard, or local business elites, if it were going to affect Shelburne or Essex – where they live – the way it is affecting Winooski. The wealthy citizens in those towns would be outraged, as we are outraged. Again, as an Ethicist, I see this as ***a radical environmental injustice***, where

the disempowered will have no choice but to live with the negative effects of this basing. These folks cannot move, because they rely on affordable housing, bus-lines, and stores and schools within walking distance. Those with the means to move away will do so. And the City of Winooski will suffer greatly.

Another aspect of the devastating effect on Winooski is that our city has invested, in only the last decade, millions of dollars into a development strategy for our awesome downtown. We have *really* superb restaurants with outdoor seating, a gorgeous boardwalk and park area along the historic Winooski River (named this by the Abenaki native community), and brand new luxury waterfront condos and townhouses. ***ALL OF THE DOWNTOWN area falls within the “not compatible with residential use” zone.***

Finally, Winooski is ***THE MOST DIVERSE CITY IN THE WHOLE STATE OF VERMONT.*** We are proud of our diversity, and we have welcomed new Americans from countries all over the world, from Sudan to the Democratic Republic of Congo to Nepal to Bosnia, etc. Over 20 languages are spoken in Winooski. Many of these new Americans came here through our outstanding Refugee Resettlement Program. They are arriving in our neighborhoods from war-torn countries, and they find the present F-16's a real challenge to life with. We have more people of color in our 1-square-mile City than any other town or City in Vermont. Again, because this basing places  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Winooski in the “not compatible with residential use” zone, this is ***an environmental injustice***, this time because it ***impacts racial minorities*** to a far-greater degree than others.

### **(3) HEALTH, SAFETY, AND OUR CHILDREN:**

The Rev.DEIS states that scientific research demonstrates that noise at the level that will be produced by the F-35s in our area has been shown to cause cognitive and developmental impairment or delay in children. ***THIS FACT, ALONE, SHOULD STOP THIS BASING.*** There are at least 1,000-1,500 children living and going to school in the noise zone. And yet, there has been no discussion of soundproofing our schools to protect our children. In fact, proponents of the basing (including our Air Guard, Senator Leahy, and Senator Sanders) actively DENY that there is any harm done by exposure to excessive noise (at this level). ***How can the Air Force deploy a plane to a basing location where 1,500 children will be harmed? This is reprehensible.***

Further, The Rev.DEIS fails to acknowledge other health effects (for children and adults) that are well-documented in scientific research. For example, there is no mention or citation of the ***World Health Organization's 2011 Report, entitled, “The Burden of Disease from Environmental Noise.”*** How is it that such a document is not considered in an Environmental Impact Study where the greatest environmental impact comes from noise? ***I request that the Air Force include studies such as this one, and other research conducted in most recent decade.*** Of course, the housing designation (“not compatible with residential use”) is motivated by the attempt to prevent harm to people living in areas exposed to noise. These health concerns, according to scientific analysis that is much more RECENT than studies used in the Rev.DEIS, include high blood pressure, increased risk of heart attack, hypertension, hearing loss, and many other effects. Even if the Air Force is not convinced that harm will be done, the ***mere possibility*** that 7,700 people would suffer health effects from the basing should prevent deployment to



Burlington, given that NONE of the other 5 locations have this kind of impact, and many have DECREASED NEGATIVE NOISE IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS?

In addition, it is known that military aircraft, in their first years of operational basing are far more likely to CRASH than those same aircraft in later years of operational basing.

*It is absolutely unreasonable that Burlington AGS would use Commercial crash zones instead of Military crash zones, when operating military aircraft. Please explain why they are not required to use Military crash zones when they are flying military aircraft on military drills.* Again, this aircraft should be deployed to a location where residents do not have to live, work, and go to school in the crash zone, at least until the F-35 has a more extensive flight history.

Finally, and significantly, if the F-35 fleet is located in *only a few places* in the country, doesn't that make us *a TARGET for attack*? If a country (China?), or even a terrorist organization, were to launch an attack on the United States, would they not try to cripple our air defense? *Is the Air Force turning Burlington into a target for attack?*

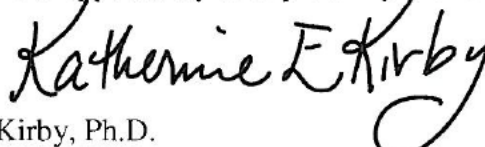
#### (4) DECEPTION IN THE PROCESS:

Burlington AGS was awarded points on the initial scoring sheet that we did not deserve. That Scoring Sheet indicated that there were ZERO homes in the crash zone and the noise zone. In reality, there are THOUSANDS of homes in those zones. Numerous FOIA requests have been essentially rejected. Vermonters do not trust that this basing decision has not been infected by political game-playing and deal-making. This suspicion is not likely to fade. **I urge the Air Force to remove Burlington AGS from consideration in this first round of basing. People are not going to stop questioning the legitimacy of this basing decision. There has been too much deception and lack of transparency so far.**

As the Revised DEIS clearly says, **Burlington AGS is NOT the environmentally-preferred alternative.** I understand that there are other considerations that are overriding the environmental concerns, but I think it is *shameful* that *environmental JUSTICE* warrants only 10 points in the overall assessment of the appropriateness of a basing location. *The ends do NOT justify the means, when the "means" requires harm to individuals, the destruction of a community, and the injustice of targeting low-income and minority groups. Please deploy the F-35 in a place where citizens are not harmed.*

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views

Sincerely,



Katherine E. Kirby, Ph.D.

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Elsie Skolfield  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:49 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35s

Sir:

I write to express opposition to the basing of F-35s in South Burlington, Vermont.

1. There is great risk of crashes by a warplane with no established safety record affecting a densely populated area; 2. There are many unanswered questions about the base selection process; 3. It will degrade and possibly destroy the quality of life for thousands of people.

I sincerely hope for your further consideration of these issues.

Elsie R. Skolfield



## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Erin Allen  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:53 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** In support of basing the F-35 in Vermont

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I am a Vermonter who is in support of the basing of the F-35 in Vermont. It is my understanding from information I know regarding the EIS is that Vermont will not see undue environmental burden and is a preferred site for the basing of the F-35.

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Sincerely,

Erin K. Allen

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Seth Leonard  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Opposition to F-35 Basing at Burlington International Airport

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing you today to voice my personal opposition to the basing of F-35s at the Burlington International Airport/VTANG.

In 2008 I moved to Vermont from North Carolina, the place I had grown up. With me, my partner Elizabeth, we took a giant leap of faith that we could put down roots in a state that socially and culturally supported our values, and provided us endless opportunities to "play outside" in the amazing natural beauty of Vermont. We are both graduates from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and we were also looking forward to the start our professional careers. In between our decision to move to Vermont and our arrival, the economic meltdown known as the Great Recession began. Not only were businesses no longer hiring, but we learned our applications were being considered beside massively-over-qualified applicants who had recently become unemployed themselves. I submitted 74 applications to professional jobs ranging from legal secretary to restaurant manager. In one interview for a restaurant job, I was told the position had over 200 applicants...the pay was \$24,000 - an amount barely sufficient to live in our area. For months, I hand delivered applications, called for follow-up interviews, and did everything I could to try to set my application apart. In the end, with my \$125,000 education in hand, I took a job at a cell phone store making minimum wage. Four months later, that job eventually gave way to a cooking position at a restaurant making \$9.00 an hour, at a business where my paychecks regularly bounced upon deposit. Mr. Germanos, I fought. I fought as hard as I could to stay here and make Vermont my home. I swallowed my pride, rolled back my sleeves, and worked any job that would help me make the next month's rent. Eventually, I got a break in the form of a position at a community development financial institution. Not only did the job offer a tremendous professional opportunity, but it was a job that was focused on helping my community, and providing opportunities for others to financially succeed. Since that time, I am happy to say my career has excelled; and along with my partner we are fortunate to live a very comfortable and stable life. We have worked very hard. I could have turned my back at any time, and left Vermont for an area with more jobs, or returned to a community we were more familiar with...but we fought.

In Winooski, we quickly found that we had stumbled on a unique community. The city has a tremendous sense of "self" and "place". Since the time of the Abenaki Indians, Winooski's history has been shaped by its relationship with the large river that feeds Lake Champlain; but even more so by the people who have worked so hard to ensure its survival. We became involved in the community before we were even residents; and bought a home here two years ago. We found a community full of life, vitality, and a strong spirit. Behind the excitement that we and other newer residents felt for the community, were the older generations that had seen Winooski rise and fall - only to transform itself again. The community had seen the fall of the American textile industry, leaving behind an empty core of abandoned Mill buildings and a quickly dilapidating municipal, housing, and business infrastructure. On the backs and with the vision of those Winooski generations that came before us, the city was rebuilt with millions of dollars of investment from public and private sources. For Vermont, it was the largest redevelopment project ever undertaken. The people of Winooski fought, Mr. Germanos, they fought to keep their community viable. They fought to make it a place where young families could see a future and older families could still walk to the church of their ancestors on Sundays. They fought so we could dream of a safe community where we could grow, enjoy our home, and maybe one day start a business.

I have fought to be where I am. I have fought to own my home. I have fought to make my community a better place. I have fought for Winooski, and so have thousands of other residents. Now I see my neighbors fighting against the installation of a plane. I wonder what we could achieve, if the decision making process for basing the F-35 passed the test of reason, and all of my neighbors spent that time/energy fighting against a plane used that energy on hunger, poverty, or crime.

For the men and women who wear our nation's Military and National Guard uniforms, I know that they fight in a different way, sacrifice in a different way than most of us do. I am so grateful for what our nation's military does on a daily basis to keep our country safe, and protect our interests both at home and abroad. But as a citizen, I still see our military as representatives of our country. I wish to see a military that acts with the American values we all hold so dear, and I am rarely disappointed. The idea that, in America, we could all fight so hard to be part of a community that we care for, only to have our environment, health, and well-being jeopardized by an aircraft that, by any test of reason, has no business in the densely populated and economically active area of ANY state is simply wrong. It is against the principles and values upon which our nation is built. I am a patriot. I believe in sacrifice. I believe in giving selflessly so that one's nation, community, and neighbors can thrive. By proposing the basing of F-35 fighter jets that will regularly roar over the heads of our community, you are asking our city, and our neighboring cities, to shoulder too great of a needless burden (other proposed locations are not as severely impacted). I support our Air National Guard, and the Air Force; but I do not support the proposed basing of F-35s at the Burlington International Airport. Thank you for your time and your service to our nation,

Seth Leonard



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Garth Jarvis  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I support the F-35 coming to Vermont

I live in Milton, Vermont - Just north of Burlington.



## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** GABLE, Michael F. (Emeritus) |  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35s in Burlington, VT

I am writing to voice my opposition to the basing of F-35s in the Burlington, VT area. The area is much too populous for the noise problems these jets would create. I have lived in Winooski for almost 5 years, and the current noise from the F-16s is much more than an inconvenience, which I could live with. The F-16 noise is at times so loud and so high-pitched that it is PAINFUL. I cannot imagine an even worse situation caused by noise from F-35s. I hope that reason will prevail and that the F35s will be housed in a non-densely-populated area.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Gable

Michael Gable  
Professor Emeritus, Eastern Connecticut State University Willimantic, CT 06226 USA Home

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**From:** Jeffrey C Frost  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:56 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Winooski Falls Historic District  
**Attachments:** Winooski Falls Mill Historic Distric.pdf

Dear Sir:

The attached letter expresses my deep concern that the assessment of impacts on the Winooski Falls Mill Historic District has been wholly inadequate. As a legally empowered consulting party, Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.8, my letter demands your referral of this matter to the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Frost

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Jeffrey C. Frost

July 15, 2013

Transmitted via email to: Nicholas Germanos [nicholas.germanos@langley.af.mil](mailto:nicholas.germanos@langley.af.mil)

Mr. Nicholas Germanos  
HQ ACC/A7PS  
129 Andrews St., Suite 332  
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Sir:

As a resident owner within the Winooski Falls Historic District encompassing portions of both Burlington Vermont and Winooski Vermont I am deeply committed to the preservation of the this unique treasure. Unfortunately I find that your identification and assessment therein of F35 impacts regarding this District has been wholly inadequate. Therefore, as a consulting party, Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.8, I demand your referral of this matter to the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Please advise me when you have completed this important process, including the Advisory Council's findings about this unique historic district.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Frost

To:

Nicholas Germanos

HQ ACC/A7PS

129 Andrews St. Suite 332

Langley AFB, VA 23655-2769

July 11, 2013

Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my opposition to basing the F-35 in Burlington, Vermont. These planes will fly over thousands of affordable homes. The FEIS notes that the homes in the 75 (and up) dba zone will NOT be eligible for federal mortgage loan guarantees, and the homes in the 65-75 dba zone will have these mortgage loan guarantees only at the discretion of the guarantor. Since the 65 dba zone will be increasing, this will negatively affect one of the larger sources of affordable homes in the Burlington area.

Personally I can attest to the fact that homes there are lower in value due to the added uncertainty of the f-35 basing. I am looking for a home and decided that I cannot purchase in this area due to the potentially added dba levels. I am concerned this noise will negatively affect both my quality of life and the value of my property.


It sounds like there is some disagreement about whether the F-35 will have higher decibel levels than the current F-16 planes. That may depend on the use of afterburners or not. However clearly if the afterburners are part of the plane, and there is a functional reason to use them -- after they are already based here -- they will be used, even though today the air force may be saying they will "rarely" use them.

The only way to put this question to rest would be to fly an F-35 here, and compare to the F-16 with decibel meters on the ground. I understand that is not possible due the the plane not being functional yet, which is another good reason to revisit or at least delay the decision.

I understand there are better, alternative sites in more sparsely populated areas. I encourage the air force to explore these options more and realize that the F 35s are not a good fit for Burlington, Vermont.

Sincerely,  
Lani Ravin, AICP



P.S. - your email does not accept my email, for some reason. 



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Darling, Timothy C  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:57 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** support for the basing of the F35 in Vermont

Hi,

I support the basing of the F35 in Vermont.

Thanks,

Tim Darling

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Zachary Isham  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:58 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35

To whom it may concern. I feel the F35 should be based here in the Burlington area due to many reasons. One being that the Air Base here protects the entire North Eastern part of the United States, the F16 is outdated and has flown for many years, the F35 may be louder but we will still be dealing with F16's, and the Vermont based F16's were the first to fly over ground zero on September 11th, 2001. Don't take away our protection, don't keep an outdated aircraft flying (danger to pilots and civilians on ground), and don't move it further away from one of the biggest targets in the world. The aircraft flying over are a sound of freedom and Vermonters have forgotten who gave them that freedom. The men and women of the United States Military.

Sent from my iPhone

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:00 AM  
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Sincerely,

Douglas Lee Allen

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Albright, Joanna J  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:00 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I oppose the F-35's!

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I oppose basing the F-35's in Burlington, VT due to the following reasons:

1. It will harm 1,500 of our children: physically, emotionally and cognitively]
2. It will lower home values of 4,000 households]
3. It will degrade and possibly destroy the quality of life of 8,000 people]
4. It will risk the lives of thousands of people because of a greater probability of crashes from an warplane with no established safety record]
5. It disproportionally negatively affects minorities and low-income people]
6. It will pollute our environment ]
7. The AF says the F-35 will bring environmental harm to our communities
8. The AF says that Burlington is NOT the environmentally preferred base
9. Substantive errors were made in the scoring process ]
10. Substantive errors were made in the Draft EIS ]
11. There are many unanswered questions about the base selection process

Thank you in advance for reading this.

Sincerely,

Jody Albright



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:02 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35 basing in VT

Mr. Nicholas Germanos

HQ ACC/A7PS

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Sincerely,

Eric LeVasseur

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Kyle Neumann  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:03 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I oppose the basing of F-35A's in Burlington

Mr. Germanos,

I have waited to write this letter for a long time, thinking of the perfect reason why the F-35 warplanes should or should not be based at VTANG in Burlington, Vermont. I have read the arguments for and against and listened patiently while my neighbors discussed this issue.

As the deadline for public comments draws near, there are 3 basic reasons why I believe the F-35 should not be based at VTANG.

1. It is bad for my children's health. By now I'm sure you have read the same studies I have: prolonged exposure to loud noises (even in short bursts) leads to cognitive and hearing impairment, decreased learning, increased stress and a whole host of health problems. The job of our armed forces is to protect the most vulnerable among us, not damage them. By basing these warplanes at VTANG, you are doing damage to my children's well-being, intentionally or not. As a parent, it is my duty to protect the health and safety of my children above all else.

2. It runs contrary to the American Dream. My wife and I saved for 9 years to put the down payment on a house that will fall within the proposed "unfit for residential use" noise contours should the F-35 be based at VTANG. We are a hard-working family that just barely gets by. If we are smart with our money, each month we pay our bills, make sure our girls are well-fed, service our debts, and maybe have a few dollars left over to invest in our modest home in the hopes that by slowly, steadily fixing up our house it will become an asset that we can eventually use to afford college for our girls and retirement. It is a long-term plan. We have entered into an unofficial contract with the rest of American society: work hard, play by the rules, spend your weekends replacing water-heaters and refinishing floors, and after a long while you will have something called equity which is the middle-class equivalent of a savings account. For us, there is no do-over. No pot of money that we can draw on if our home value does not increase. I cannot for the life of me understand why the Air Force would want to embed a plane in the middle of a densely-populated area and risk ruining property values of one of the last places in Chittenden County, Vermont where working families like mine can still afford to buy. Why would you do this to us? Does "mission" really require destroying the financial hopes and dreams of families like mine?

3. It is not good for the Air Force. I assume that, like any other organization, the Air Force simply wants to successfully do its job with a minimum of interference and harassment. Public opposition to the VTANG bed-down is not sentimental and will not go away: we're talking about the health and safety of our families. Why spend your precious time, energy and resources defending a war plane that so many people do not want in their community? I'm sure you will have a more receptive audience in a community whose livelihoods will not be put at risk by this giant noise machine.

Send these warplanes to a community that wants them.

## **Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Mason Coleman  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:08 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35 in Vermont

Hello, my name is Mason Coleman and I am a current resident of Vermont. I have lived in this state all of my life. I am currently serving overseas on my second tour and would like to take the time to give my full support of the basing of the F-35 in Vermont. By now I am sure you have a lot on this matter. Every story has two sides, and in this case it seems the silent majority is finally standing up for what they believe in by showing such support for this great opportunity. Once again, from my family and I, we fully support the F-35 coming to the outstanding Green Mountain Boys. Thank you for your time and efforts.

-Mason Coleman  
Sent from my iPhone

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Bill Kinzie  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:10 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I am opposed to the F35 basing in Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos

I am opposed to the F35 Basing in Vermont because:

1. It will harm 1,500 Vermont children: physically, emotionally and cognitively ]
2. It will lower the home values of 4,000 households ]
3. It will degrade and possibly destroy the quality of life of 8,000 people ]
4. It will risk the lives of thousands of people because of a greater probability of ]  
crashes from a warplane with no established safety record
5. It disproportionately negatively affects minorities and low-income people ]
6. It will pollute our environment ]
7. The AF says the F-35 will bring environmental harm to our communities
8. The AF says that Burlington is NOT the environmentally preferred base
9. Substantive errors were made in the scoring process ]
10. Substantive errors were made in the Draft EIS ]
11. There are many unanswered questions about the base selection process

Sincerely,

Bill Kinzie



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**From:** Jeff Sweeny  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:12 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I support the F35 for Burlington, Vermont

Would love to have those jets based here in Vermont.

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Kimball, Patti  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:12 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Support the F35 in Vermont

**Importance:** High

Hi

Even though I am not a homeowner I still live in Winooski and the jets routinely fly right over my home. I can count the times on one hand when they actually were loud enough to disturb me or my feline friends. I believe in the Vt Air Guard base, and it is vitally important to the safety of our country especially the east coast. I truly feel that the opposition is missing the point completely and those that are screaming the loudest, first of all are not going to be here and second have a choice on where they live. It is like the person who moves next to the farmer, then complains about the smells, or noise. I Trust when all is said and done, the Air Force will choose Vermont to be first on the list for the F-35's and all the hard work of the Men and Women on the base will not have been in vain.

Patti Kimball, ACSR, AAI,

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**From:** Maynard, Katherine H.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:13 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** opposition to F-35s

Mr. Germanos,

As the deadline for public comments draws near, here are my primary reasons why I believe the F-35 should not be based at VTANG.

1. Our health. Prolonged exposure to loud noises (even in short bursts) leads to cognitive and hearing impairment, decreased learning, increased stress and a whole host of health problems. Basing these warplanes at VTANG is doing damage to our children's well-being, intentionally or not. It is our duty to protect the health and safety of our children above all else.

2. Quality of LIFE: People did not choose to live in the Burlington, VT area to be exposed to such a high level of pollution, which is exactly what this noise is. We are a small community and having essentially an airbase with planes of this magnitude literally in our neighborhoods is inappropriate and contradictory to Vermont values. I teach at the Community College of Vermont in Winooski which lies under the current flight path of the current planes. They are so loud and disruptive I frequently have to stop teaching. No conversation can occur. No business can be conducted. The F-35s will be even more disruptive.

Send these warplanes to a community that wants them.

Sincerely,

Kate Maynard, MS

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Jennifer Decker [galloway.jennifer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:13 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** no to F-35 in VT

Dear Nicholas Germanos,

I am against basing the F-35 in VT.

Jennifer Decker



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Anita Rapone  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:16 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Extension of comment period

The proposal to base the F35 at the Burlington International Airport has generated much opposition.

Since the entire revised DEIS was not released until May 31, I urge that the public comment period begin on that day so that citizens can consider and respond to the full report.

Thank you.  
Anita Rapone

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**From:** Hurer, Faruk  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:21 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35 basing in Vermont

Hello Mr. Germanos,

This email is regarding the F-35 basing in Vermont at the Vermont ANG base in South Burlington.

I wholeheartedly support VTANG and the F-35 bedding down in Vermont as does my family. We live in South Burlington under the flight path about 1 miles from the runway.

We understand from the DEIS that the F-35 will create sound similar to the F-16, that there will be 2613 less operations per year and no adverse effects.

This is a no brainer. Please count this as 3, my wife and daughter as well are stamping their name on this:

Faruk Hurer

Kimberly Hurer

Edith Hurer

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**From:** Abigail Carroll  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:21 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35

Dear Mr. Germanos,

As a Winooski resident, I am writing to express my opposition to the possibility of F-35s coming to the Burlington Air National Guard Base. I am opposed to this prospect for several reasons, including my ambivalence about increasing American military presence when I believe we should be investing in peace by building other countries up rather than building our defense up. In a world where we invest in other countries, we are much less likely to be threatened or attacked by them.

More practically, I am opposed to the F-35s because of noise levels. I am a self-employed writer who works frequently from home, and every time a fighter plane passes, my concentration is interrupted and my body becomes tense from the overwhelmingly thunderous sound. This is a stress I have had to live with, but will never fully become accustomed too. Still, I choose to tolerate it for the sake of living in a place I love in a healthy, thriving neighborhood with good access to Burlington proper, I-89, and a great Sunday morning Farmers' Market. If, however, the noise level and/or frequency of plane traffic increases, I may be forced to look elsewhere for living--perhaps a town farther away from the air base in Chittendon County.

I fear that if the F-35 comes to Burlington, I won't be the only one to leave, and the character of an up-an-coming city--Winooski--will deteriorate irrevocably. It is in your power to protect the quality of life for Winooski residents and others in the area surrounding the base, and I ask that you would keep this in mind as the deliberations come to a conclusion.

Sincerely,

Abigail Carroll

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**From:** Carrie Harlow  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Support for F-35 basing in VT

I am writing to add my voice to those who have written to you regarding basing the F-35 in VT. I live within 15 miles of the VT Air National Guard base, and wholeheartedly support both the F-35 coming to VT and our own Green Mountain Boys!

Thank you for your consideration,

Carrie Harlow



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:25 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Errors in Public comment period

Mr Germanos,

I recently learned that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Due to this fact, I would request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, as this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions. I believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information as part of the transparency that a proper commentary period lends to a process.

While I am surprised a full 60 day comment period was not granted, in lieu of a shorter time frame, please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released.

You may be aware that there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

Best,  
Timothy "Mel" Allen

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**From:** Julie Hannigan  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:27 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** opposed to F35 at Burlington Airport

I want you to know I am OPPOSED to the basing of the F35 fighter jet at the Burlington International Airport down the street from where I live.

This is the wrong location for such an operation - it's a residential neighborhood. Living with the F16 is difficult enough.

The overall program for the F35 is gross mismanagement of taxpayer funds.

It is not a proven weapon system and is plagued by numerous reported technical problems.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:29 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** VT F35 jets

I am for the jets being here in VT. It would be a disservice to our green mountain boys, to deny them the honor of having these Jets based in VT

Melissa Hendershot

Sent from my iPhone

## **Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Serena Peck  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:33 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35's to be based in Vermont

I strongly support our Vermont National Guard in their effort to bring the F35's to Vermont. We need to support our guardsmen in the efforts to protect and serve our country. Please support Vermont by basing the F35's with us.

Serena Peck



## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** miriam almeleh  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:36 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** No to F35 in Vermont

Dear Nicolas Germanos,

I am strongly opposed to the basing of the F35 in Vermont. The noise of the F16s is terrible enough and it is awful to impose this chronic health hazard on local citizens and especially the children who do not choose where they live. There are better locations for this airplane-not in Vermont.

Basing the F35 on Air Force bases makes much more sense for all of the resources and the potentially impacted citizens.

Sincerely,

Miriam Almeleh, RN, MSW, ACSW

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**From:** Catriona McHardy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Opposed to F-35 in Burlington VT

Dear Sir,

I want to register my opposition to the basing of the F-35 fighter plane in Burlington, VT. I live about 1.5 miles from the airport that would serve as home to this new fleet. Currently, F-16s fly overhead where I work, as we are on their take-off and landing pattern, and that noise is already a factor for me. I heard a demonstration of the increased decibel levels of the F35's taking off and it was very substantially louder than what we have now. I have serious concerns about the longer health effects on children, as well as the fact that this airplane is severely over budget and by most accounts, is not a good economic bet for the country, the military, and our local community as potential host to it.

As the most densely populated area in the entire state of Vermont, Chittenden County (and Winooski as the most densely populated town within Chittenden County...) just doesn't make sense to me as the best site to locate a base for the F-35.

Please register my opposition.  
Thank you,  
Catriona McHardy

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**From:** derekmpoirier  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:45 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** f-35 basing at Burlington VT

I am opposed to basing the F-35 fighter jet at the Burlington Airport in Vermont and would request that an extension of the public comment period based on the fact that important information was not released until nearly 3 weeks after the revised DEIS was released. This is not unreasonable and gives everyone ample time to consider the updated information.

I'm perplexed that Burlington is even being considered, given the proximity to populated communities that surround the airport, including several elementary schools and 1,500 children. The basing will lower home values and hurt real people and their families. The Air Force says this plane will bring environmental harm to our communities. Again, I'm perplexed that Burlington is even an option, given the available locations that are not in the middle of residential communities.

Saving ANG jobs isn't a good enough reason to put thousands of people at risk. Please reconsider and make a sound decision.

Regards,  
Derek Poirier

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**From:** Peter Jones  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:46 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35s in Burlington VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to oppose the basing of F35s at the Burlington International Airport.

Among the reasons I oppose this basing are the following:

- 1) The number of homes that will be declared as unfit will increase significantly due to the noise of these jets. Vermont has a real problem with a huge housing shortage; we can't lose any more homes.
- 2) The F35 is four times louder than the F16s presently based here. Noise levels of this level will seriously disrupt our daily lives.
- 3) The health risks to residents in the area are too great. We already spend enough, as a country, on health care spending. Why increase it?
- 4) The F35 is a new technology. It is still unproven. The risk of a crash are far too great, especially in the most densely populated area of Vermont where the Burlington Airport is located.
- 5) The feeling of political corruption in the decision making process as well as in the miss use of public funds is overwhelming. There are so many greater needs in this country than to spend this overwhelming amount of money on a jet fighter. We need to spend our limited public funds more effectively than this.
- 6) The \$1.5 trillion that is the forecast cost for the life of these jets is too great, especially in these days of constant cost cutting that is hitting everybody. There are less expensive options: FA-18 Super Hornet, for example... Many of our international allies are canceling their orders for these planes due to their expense and are buying less expensive jets.
- 7) The technical flaws that are built into this plane are overwhelming. I have heard from aviation engineers that the plane is little more than junk.

In summary, I strongly oppose the basing of this plane in Burlington or anywhere else in the country. We as a country are standing up to the corporate control of our day to day lives and want to see this corporate welfare come to an end.

Stop the F35... EVERYWHERE!

Peter Jones



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**From:** Jonathan Galloway  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:48 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Please do not base the F-#%s in Burlington

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Jonathan F. Galloway

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**From:** Chamberlain, Cathy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:48 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35 SUPPORTER FROM VERMONT

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I am a Vermonter who is in support of the basing of the F-35 in Vermont. It is my understanding from information I know regarding the EIS is that Vermont will not see undue environmental burden and is a preferred site for the basing of the F-35.

FACTS: My understanding according to Table BR3.2.9 is that the F-35 will create sound similar and in many areas QUIETER than the F-16. I understand IAW table BR3.1-1 that there will be 2613 fewer operations per year. I recognize that the proposed 65 DNL line in the EIS depicts a change, but in accordance page 2-43 understand that follow up on noise evaluations will be accomplished and will include operational profiles and noise mitigation procedures. I further understand IAW page C-20 "there is no scientific basis for a claim that potential health effect exist for aircraft time-average sound levels below 75db."

I believe the F-35 continues a proud 67 year tradition of the Vermont Air National Guard's (VTANG) service to Vermont and believe the mission change is an economic benefit to the United States, the state of Vermont and the local economy. I support the conclusion that Vermont is a key strategic location for the basing of the F-35 and believe that the EIS does not depict undue impact.

Sincerely,

Catherine Chamberlain

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Joe Golden  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:53 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Opposing the F-35 in Burlington

Mr. Germanos,

I strongly oppose the basing of the F-35 at Burlington airport and have for years. I have been part of the Stop the F-35 Coalition here in Burlington since its inception some five years ago.

The F-35 is an experimental plane and placing it in a highly populated area is silly. Usually untested planes like this are placed in a desert of minimally populated area with this in mind.

The DEIS states that thousands of homes will be put in the "unsuitable for residential use" area. This again is silly. Those homes are not moving and the people who've invested much time, energy and money into their homes are left with no recourse but to endure the noise and its health impacts or move, possibly at a large loss on their home value. The people impacted by the F-35 coming to Burlington, especially in Neighboring Winooski, are lower income and recent immigrants. Also effected in Winooski are many Veterans. It is especially unjust to place these war machines that increase stress and blood pressure and impair learning in a neighborhood of recent immigrants who have fled war in their old home countries.

Surely there is a better place for the F-35 to be based and a community that would welcome it.

Thank you.

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/Joe Golden/

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**From:** Maccario, Dianne  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:54 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35's

I am writing to you to tell you that I oppose the basing of F-35A's in Burlington. I do not live in the affected area, but I work in it - in the new Community College of Vermont building in Winooski. I spend at least 40 hours per week in the building, and the presence of the jet fighters is very apparent. Out on the street, in this area, one has to cover one's ears to protect them from the deafening sound. In our classrooms, if the windows are open, conversation has to stop. On a daily basis, the noise, while it comes and goes, is very intrusive. I can't imagine how more noise from bigger planes is going to affect us. Winooski is struggling to become a vibrant community, and the loss of homes and population due to the increased noise will be devastating.

As I sit here writing this, a plane passed over the building. Since we took up residence here, quite near Spinner Place and new apartment buildings, I have been aware that we are directly in the path of the fighters as they practice take off and landing. Planes pass over us at a low altitude, and I always wonder whether there will be an accident. The recent accident in San Francisco was a reminder of what can happen during landing. I'm sure you are confident that the Air Force pilots are well-trained, but I'm sure you will agree that new equipment increases the possibility of crashes. There has been information published questioning the design and feasibility of the F-35's. I hope that the Air Force, in its effort to protect us, will not put us at risk. Please find a less populated site for these planes. I'm sure it's possible.

Dianne Maccario, Community College of Vermont, Winooski, Vermont



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**From:** John Blatt  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:56 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Support for F-35 in Burlington

Please accept this e-mail as my support for basing the F-35 in Burlington, Vermont.

John

John Blatt

## **Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** cdunwoodyarts  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:05 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** NO to the F-35

the basing of the F 35 in South Burlington would benefit and line the pockets of a few while undermining the quality of life of many. Especially children in the area who have significantly more sensitive ears and minds than adults. Vermont says NO to air pollution and NO to the machines of war. Please base them where Americans will not be effected by their tyranny of polution.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S™III, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Alex Babbie  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:15 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Support of F-35 for Burlington

Good Morning,

Mr. Germanos, my name is Alexander Babbie and I live in the greater Burlington area and also work for the 158th Fighter Wing.

I am sending this email to show my support for basing the F-35 in Vermont. The economic benefits far outweigh the brief periods of noise the jet would make.

Thank You,

Alex Babbie  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lucas Heide  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 5:41 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

Hi,

My name is Lucas Heide. I have been to two of the city council meetings. I strongly oppose the f35s for their mind numbing noise and money spent for the f35s and earplugs.

thank you for reading this

Lucas Heide,



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**From:** Sara Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 5:51 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Vermont F35s

I live in Winooski, Vermont. My husband and I bought a home here last year. We were both raised in Vermont. We both work at the hospital just minutes away, the hospital we were both born in. Winooski is an area that is affordable to own a home in, which is one reason we are here. We are now expecting our first child. I would love for my child to grow up in VT like I did. Please do not send the F35s here and cause danger to our family, community and home.

Sara Victory

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ron Manganiello  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 6:04 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** No to F35's in South Burlington

Having considered all arguments for and against the F35 being located in South Burlington, I am strongly opposed to that option because:

- 1) The noise level is already unacceptable for the F16s and the F35s will be louder. I do not believe that the F35s would always take off and fly in the quietest mode and the military certainly will make no guarantees. In addition to the nuisance effects of the noise, the medical community has presented data about the health hazard of excessive noise to the children of our communities.
- 2) I don't believe the F35s should even be built - the F16s can be retrofitted for a lot less money and from what I have read and heard on the radio, the F35s are a compromise that does nothing really well and costs an absurd amount of money

Ron Manganiello

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**From:** Howard Kirby  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 6:32 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35

I live on Pearl St. in Essex Junction right on the flight path for the F-16s when they are landing.

I like the Jet noise because they help block out the street noise like the small cars with 4" exhaust pipes, the big trucks that use exhaust brakes, then there is the motorcycles that sound like they are in my living room, I also have to mention the audio systems with a bass that shakes my whole condo. They probably can't even hear the jets. To me all the street noise is offensive but when I hear an F-16 all I can think of is Defensive. I say bring on the freedom fighters and let the few loud objectors move out.

Howard Kirby

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**From:** Snow Sharon  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 6:36 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35s in Vermont

I am one of the residents who will live in the area deemed incompatible with the noise from F35s if they are based in Vermont. I love my town and I don't want to see it destroyed by these

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**From:** Louise Andrews  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2013 6:12 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Requesting a brief extension of the Public Comment period

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

Most Sincerely,  
Louise Andrews



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**From:** Art Herttua  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 12:47 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** f35

Please extend the public comment period! The public is just beginning to understand what is] be forced upon us. Vermonters do not want the F35.

Thank you, Art Herttua

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Meaghan Emery  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 2:00 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Please extend public comment period

Dear Mr. Germanos:

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Thank you for your consideration,  
Meaghan Emery

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**From:** Jill Mason  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 1:49 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Opposition to F-35s in Vermont

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to basing the F-35s at the Burlington (Vermont) International Airport - or anywhere in Vermont. The noise of the planes will almost certainly reduce property values in the residential areas affected. The noise of the F-16s currently based here is already such that, even before this issue arose publicly, I have had people who were considering buying a home in Winooski, where I live, inquire about whether it was tolerable. At least for small children, pets, and the elderly, it is not tolerable, in my opinion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jill Mason

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Marilyn Richardson  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 1:48 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35a basing in Burlington VT

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Respectfully yours,  
Marilyn Richardson

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Gail Holmes  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 1:45 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Cc:** Gail Holmes  
**Subject:** Basing F35s in Vermont  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Nick Germanos,

I write to ask if you would be willing to request an extension of the Public Comment period ]  
to allow the public necessary time to understand and discuss the facts regarding the USAF  
plans to install F35s at the Nation Guard Base in Burlington? Specifically we would like the  
time period to be extended to a full 45 days after the "full" revision of the DEIS was  
released.

The reason I ask is because i believe inclusion and transparency are qualities that build  
peoples trust and support all of which will go a long way in creating efficiency in time as  
well as taxpayers dollars.

I am one person out of thousands who is adversely effected by ambient noise in terms of my  
mental and physical well being. I already have lung disease due to air pollution and am  
concerned about Vt's largest population area being adversely effected in many untoward ways  
that deserve consideration before a decision is made about this potential installation .

THANK YOU for your consideration.

Gail Holmes



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Donna Bourne  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 1:24 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Stop the F-35 from coming to Burlington, Vermont

I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

Thank you,

Donna Bourne

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**From:** Marcella Gange  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 6:03 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Request a brief extension of the public comment period - following the delay in release of information

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released.] As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

Thank you and with respect,  
Marcella Gange

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Maloney, Linda M  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 5:14 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Please extend comment period on F-35s in Burlington, VT ]

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing this follow-up e-mail to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not provided until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, I believe it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

In particular, the main reason why many people support the basing of the F-35s here is their belief that without them, our Air Guard will be disbanded. The additional information provided late affirms that this is *\*not\** the case. There has not been time to inform people of that fact; if they knew it, their support for the planes might well evaporate.

Yours sincerely,  
(Rev.) Linda M. Malonev

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Jerry Greenfield  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 3:46 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** request a delay in the public comment period timeline ]

Dear Sir:

I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

Thanks very much.

Yours truly,

Jerry Greenfield

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Charles Emery  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 3:25 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Burlington Vt F-35A

Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the comment period be extended so that the public have adequate opportunity to respond to the revised draft DEIS.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Emery

Sent from my iPad



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Audrey Arnold  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:06 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Request for comment period extension ]

AUDREY ARNOLD M.A., ncbmt, cbt

July 15, 2013

Dear Mr. Germanos,

This is to request an extension of the comment period regarding the bedding down of the F-35 at BTV.

The Revised EIS has information in it that was not available to the public for the entire comment period ending tonight. It is important that Vermonters learn the truth that the Air Guard will still be here even without the F-35.

Also, inasmuch as the pre-printed comment cards you received from those thousands of proponents of the F-35 contained untrue statements that had obviously not been vetted, the signees were misled as to what they were signing. It is urgent that thoughtful, honest people know the truth, and more time is needed to get that information to the public. ]

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you continue the comment period.

Sincerely,

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Ginger Hobbs  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:45 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Deadline for comments on basing the F-35 in Burlington ]

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to ask that you extend the period of public comment on basing the F-35 in Burlington, Vermont. Since 100 pages of pertinent information were released 3 weeks after the initiation of the comment period, I am asking that you extend the deadline for comments so we have 45 days from the issuance of the additional information.

We care deeply about the impact this basing would have on our community, our children and families, and the local economy. Please allow time for full consideration of all the facts.

Thank you,

Ginger Hobbs

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Kara Schwartz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:24 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Extension needed

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Kindly Kara Schwartz

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Julia Boynton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 8:08 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35

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**From:** Jennie Lowell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 2:42 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35s

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thank you,  
Jennie Lowell, MD



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**From:** Jack Keefe  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:57 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Extension of the public comment period

Dear Mr Germanos, I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error. Thank you. Yours sincerely, John (Jack) Keefe

Sent from my iPhone

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** maggie standley  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2013 5:19 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Nicholas Germanos-pls. extend Public Comment Period ]

I am writing to request a brief extension of the Public Comment period, based upon the fact that at least 100 pages of important information were not released until nearly 3 weeks after the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released. Given that this section included substantive questions that people were asking, and the important information given by the Air Force in response to those questions, we believe that it is only reasonable to offer people ample time to consider that information. Please extend the Public Comment period to offer the public 45 days starting from the date that the FULL Revised DEIS was released, rather than May 31st, the date on which the incomplete Revised DEIS was released. As you know, there is great controversy over this basing in our community. It is essential that Vermont citizens be given the most complete opportunity to read, understand, and respond to the information being released by the Air Force. It's crucial that the process by which this decision is made be free of further error.

Best,  
Maggie Standley

Dear Mr. Nicholas Germanos,

I oppose the proposed  
basing of the F-35's at the  
St. Burlington, Vermont airport.

It seems to me this aircraft  
is better suited for a military  
base further removed from  
so many citizens. The siting  
in Vermont is bad for our  
children's health, our property  
values and the environment.

Sincerely, Candace Pratt, RN

7-3-13  
BRISA lived on a remote island in the Florida Keys with her brother and mother and a handful of friends, sharing a life of natural beauty and simplicity. Her bed lay in the still waters of a blue lagoon. At night, she slept with the stars as a canopy, waking at dawn to sea birds flying through pink skies.

From: Good Folks, Good Country, by Ethan Hubbard

Mr. Germanos — 08 JUL 2013 PM 1 T

I, and I believe most

Vermonters, do NOT want

The F-35 planes in

Burlington. These planes would

negatively affect the VT

environment which is what

tourism - our main industry -

relies on. we say NO

to the F-35. Victoria Wilson  
Bethel VT

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Mr. Nicholas Germanos

HQ ACC 1A7PS

129 Andrews St

suite 35+

Langley AFB VA

23665-9900

Mary Victoria Wilson

July 7, 2013

South Burlington

Dear Sir,

I believe it would be unwise to base the F-35 plane in Vermont. The noise would harm the enjoyment of life that we are happy to have in this area. Too many people who have been living near the airport for many years would be forced to leave their home. There are other areas of the country where the F-35 could be based without greatly disturbing the peace.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary Victoria Wilson



7/3/13

Sir:

I am strongly opposed to the F35 basing here in South Burlington.

It presents known & documented health risks due to its increased noise (DEIS) to especially vulnerable populations - the elderly, new born & children.

Over 7,000 would fall into the increased fly zone rendering homes uninhabitable (DEIS) & devalued as ~~liveable~~ unliveable.

This is a tourist area, economically dependent on remaining so. F35s are not compatible here economically. Thank you for receiving this.

Barbara Wymoth,

THE F-35 HAS NO VALUE TO  
VERMONTERS OR THE NATION.

SINCERELY  
BARBARA WYMOTH



PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTE

TO INDICATE MY DESIRE FOR  
VERMONT TO NOT HOST THE F-35  
BECAUSE IT IS:

- PRODUCES UNHEALTHY NOISE
- IS UNTESTED/UNSAFE/  
UNREASONABLY PRICED
- IS NOT APPROPRIATE WITHIN  
VERMONT'S MOST ADULTERED AREA.
- IS A WAR MACHINE

TO:

MR. NICHOLAS GERMANOS  
HQ ACC/A7PS  
129 ANDREWS ST.  
SUITE 332  
LANGLEY AFB, VA.

23665-2769



After 15 years in exile, Fatima Mohammad Mussah returned to Afghanistan. She became one of the first women from the village of Jebrayil in Herat Province to receive a microloan from FINCA. She and five friends formed a Savings and Credit Group called "Fuladi" (or "Steely," after the strength the members see in their new group), and each received a loan of 6,000 Afghanis (\$125) to invest in their small businesses: tailoring, sewing and food processing. As their businesses grow, so will their FINCA loans. As a result, they will enjoy greater security and the ability to improve their families' quality of life.

No to the F-35  
in South Burlington,  
a peaceful  
residential  
neighborhood.

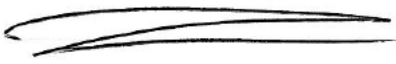
Sophie West

7/11/13

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I Am writing to let you know of my opposition to the F-35's being based in Burlington Vt. The F-35 is not appropriate for our quiet Rural state. The financial and health burdens for those living on the flight plan are enormous. Please don't come to Burlington with the F-35 when there are other places better suited for them.

Thank You  
Joe S. Mitchell



June, 2013

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No! I do not concur with the Air Force's assessment that Vermont is the preferred location for the F-35.

I lived in Winoski for 21 years and the noise from the jets were horrible. I used to wait on the pilots at the Parkway Diner in the 70's + 80's and complain to them all the time how the dishes in my cabinets would break, how if you were talking on the phone and the jets went by, you had to hang up because there was no way you could hear; how you had to quickly run inside when they flew by, so you would not destroy your hearing; how if you were inside, you had to run + close the windows until they passed. Yesterday, I was at the Williston Post Office when one flew

(DAVID LADD)



by and everyone ran either into the building or their cars. The noise is beyond horrible and has to damage one's health and hearing.

The noise level on our planet now with industry, cars and 7 Billion people is very high and makes people agitated, anxious + angry. More + more, the need for quite and the need for nature, to be able to just hear the birds is so very important to have in our lives and is becoming rarer and rarer.

I saw no to the jets !!

Kathryn Valiquette

July 10, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Hernandez. HQ ACC/A7PS  
129 Andrews St. Suite 332  
Langley AFB. VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Hernandez,

I'm very concerned about the new F35 jets. We have three hospitals in the area. One of the schools is very close to the airport. We also have three other schools on Dorset street.

I read that Helen Keller was asked if she had a choice between hearing & seeing which would she choose. She said hearing & said not to hear anything is very hard. I have a great nephew who was born totally deaf. My grand daughter has some hearing loss & uses hearing aids. I was not able to attend Dr. Burlington's meeting on Monday. I read in our Burlington



Free Press that Dr. John Reuver, an emergency  
care doctor, said "the plane is bad for children.  
There is no debate about that." Judith Cohen,  
a University of VT, nursing professor said  
"children are particularly vulnerable because  
their brains are still forming as they grow."

Please put me on your list that I strongly  
oppose the F35.

There are other areas in our country  
that would have less effect on their  
populations. The Burlington area of  
Chittenden county has the most population  
in VT.

Sincerely,

Ms. Charlotte Deese

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Jen  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:29 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** no F35s in Vermont

Dear Mr. Germanos,

Please do not bring the F35 to Vermont.

As a native Vermonter and as a mother of a young child, I ask that we be able to keep our state beautiful and keep our children healthy. Vermont doesn't need or want the F35s or the noise and health problems they will bring. Please help us save Vermont from the F35 and protect our children.

Thank you.

Jen Woodard

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Jack Keefe  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:45 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35 basing in Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos, I am opposed to the F35 basing in Burlington. The experimental aircraft poses an unacceptable health and safety risk to citizens of Burlington because of the airport's close proximity to densely populated residential areas. A crash would be catastrophic as would the long term effects of the aircraft's noise and air pollution on the city's population. Hundreds of homes will need to be expropriated with devastating effect to the lives of the families who inhabit these homes, many of whom are working poor. The threat to health and safety and loss of homes cannot be justified when the Airforce has identified suitable alternative locations where there is public support for basing the F 35. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns and those of my Burlington neighbors. Yours sincerely, John (Jack) Keefe,

Sent from my iPhone

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Nathan Suter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:46 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Against the F-35 in Burlington, VT

Mr. Germanos,

I wish to register my position in opposition to basing the F-35 combat aircraft at Burlington International Airport. Having been a resident of both Winooski and the Old North End of Burlington, I have experienced the deafening noise from the existing F-16s for years.

In Winooski, the noise level halts all conversation. We have two young children, one 6 and the other 4. Living within the flight-path and noise impact zone of the F-16s is already intolerable. To live in the same locations with an aircraft of 2-3 times the volume in frequent use would be impossible as an environment in which to raise healthy children, maintain an efficient and professional home office, much less a relaxing evening with one's family.

I am further disturbed that by siting the F-35 here, the Air Command would be effectively decimating the equity held by so many residents who own their homes. Since home ownership is the greatest asset in most American families, the loss of value in their homes may set folks back a generation in terms of wealth accumulation. I am further distressed that the neighborhoods most impacted by these decisions are largely poor. While these folks may not have as strong and organized access to political power, they are as deserving as any one of us of a decent level of comfort and stability in their homes and neighborhoods.

To ignore these factors (I believe) exploits the poor and demonstrates little sensitivity to human and environmental concerns.

I encourage the Air Force to seek other venues for this plane, or better yet, scrap the program and invest in domestic job growth in areas that are not 'defense' oriented.

- Nathan Suter

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Seamas Leddy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:52 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35

Hi Nicholas,

I wanted to voice my opposition to the f35 program and the planes' potential new home at Burlington international airport. Please reconsider.

I'd be more than happy to discuss in greater length, although I'm sure you are short on time.

Regards,

Seamas

Sent from my iPhone



## **Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** George Ann Gillespie  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:53 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35 basing in Burlington Vermont

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to go on record as opposing the basing of F-35 fighter jets at the Burlington International Airport.

Should the basing of this aircraft here be approved, many of our homes and schools would be deemed uninhabitable. The rationale: So the air force could proceed with their plans to base this extremely loud and as yet untested aircraft in one of the northeast's most populace cities, that decision having been clearly based on some questionable economic conflicts of interest.

I want to emphasize that I am not "anti-military." I certainly recognize the need for strong defense. My father was a career officer in the U.S. Army. I spent much of my childhood on military bases, and in that setting one fully expects to be subjected to loud noises of planes, tanks, trucks, and other equipment.

However, when my husband and I purchased our home in Burlington, we did not expect to have to endure such a din.

Should this aircraft be based here, the value of my home and the quality of the life I anticipated enjoying here in Burlington would be greatly diminished. ]

I am shocked by the lack of respect our legislators appear to have for their constituents' concerns in this matter.

And I seriously question the overall mission of this aircraft, in light of our current defense needs. It seems to me that we should be far more concerned with the possibility of guarding against devastating cyberattacks rather than incoming ICBMs.

Further, I strongly feel that displacing literally thousands of people from their homes and schools runs counter to American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I sincerely urge you to reconsider the rationale for basing this aircraft here, and I'm putting my faith in you to stop this ill-conceived proposal.

Sincerely,

George Ann Gillespie

Burlington

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Charles Emery  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:55 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** Re: Opposition to F35 basing in Burlington, VT

Please find my email with a correct date.

Janis Emery

On Monday, July 15, 2013, Janis Emery <chasemery@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Germanos:

I am opposed to the F35 basing in Burlington, VT.

There is not a satisfactory reason to degrade and possibly destroy the quality of life in the greater Burlington area. Burlington is VT's largest population center. Why displace and disrupt the quality of life in the most densely populated area of VT? The Burlington airport has one runway. I was scheduled to fly out of Burlington in April 2005. The airport had to be closed due to a mishap with a VT Air Guard plane. Please protect the quality of life in the communities adjacent to the Burlington airport. Thank you for your respect and appreciation for vibrant American communities.

Sincerely,  
Janis Emery

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** Corey Mack  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:56 PM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F-35 Operational Basing EIS

Dear Mr. Germanos,

It is my opinion that the F-35 Operational Basing EIS document is deeply flawed. I do not support the document or the document's conclusions. By the EIS's own accounting, the Burlington International Airport is not a suitable location for the Operational Basing of the F-35 aircraft. The airport is in some of the most densely populated communities in the state. The noise of the aircraft will disproportionately impact low income, senior, minority, and other vulnerable communities.

Most disconcerting, to me, is that in several locations the document falsely claims overwhelming general support of the basing of the F-35s in Burlington. This is patently untrue, and the repeated statement taints the reception of the rest of the document.

Lastly, although Burlington is clearly not the Environmentally Preferable Alternative, it was selected as the Preferred Alternative. However, the EIS does not give relative weights to how the mission components of the scoring impacts overruled the Environmental Components. The EIS still does not answer: How much is our environment worth? At what cost do we sacrifice the peace of our community for a strategic or political decision?

Thank you,  
Corey Mack

## Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

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**From:** Marie-Claire Picher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 12:07 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** I oppose the basing of F-35A's in Burlington."

Mr. Nicholas Germanos

HQ ACC/A7PS

129 Andrews Street, Suite 332

Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I oppose the basing of F-35A's in Burlington.

I grew up in, and live in Winooski, where approximately ¼ of the homes lay within the predicted 65 + dB DNL level. This will destroy our city. We are already the lowest-income community in the Burlington area, but what this means in Vermont is that we are the only city near Burlington where young families, young professionals, new Americans, retirees, etc. can afford to purchase a home. Please understand that there are not very many cities or towns directly around Burlington. Winooski and South Burlington are closest. The only other towns or cities close by are Essex, Shelburne, and Williston. After that, all towns are at least 25 minutes by car. It is not okay to render ¼ of the houses in 1 of the 5 cities/towns directly surrounding Burlington "not compatible with residential life."

The Rev. DEIS says (as did the previous DEIS) that low-income and minority populations are disproportionately negatively affected by this basing. This is a vulnerable community, where many people already struggle to make ends meet. This basing would not be favored by our Congressional delegation, Air Guard, or local business elites, if it were going to affect Shelburne or Essex - where they live - the way it is affecting Winooski. The wealthy citizens in those towns would be outraged, as we are outraged. Again, as an Ethicist, I see this as a radical environmental injustice, where the disempowered will have no choice but to live with the negative effects of this basing. These folks cannot move, because they rely on affordable housing, bus-lines, and stores and schools within walking distance. Those with the means to move away will do so. And the City of Winooski will suffer greatly.

Another aspect of the devastating effect on Winooski is that our city has invested, in only the last decade, millions of dollars into a development strategy for our awesome downtown. We have really superb restaurants with outdoor seating, a gorgeous boardwalk and park area along the historic Winooski River (named this by the Abenaki native community), and brand new



luxury waterfront condos and townhouses. ALL OF THE DOWNTOWN area falls within the "not compatible with residential use" zone.

Finally, Winooski is THE MOST DIVERSE CITY IN THE WHOLE STATE OF VERMONT. We are proud of our diversity, and we have welcomed new Americans from countries all over the world, from Sudan to the Democratic Republic of Congo to Nepal to Bosnia, etc. Over 20 languages are spoken in Winooski. Many of these new Americans came here through our outstanding Refugee Resettlement Program. They are arriving in our neighborhoods from war-torn countries, and they find the present F-16's a real challenge to life with. We have more people of color in our 1-square-mile City than any other town or City in Vermont. Again, because this basing places ¾ of Winooski in the "not compatible with residential use" zone, this is an environmental injustice, this time because it impacts racial minorities to a far-greater degree than others.

Sincerely,

Marie-Claire Picher, Ph.D.



**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** jennielowell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 2:39 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** F35s

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am opposed to the F35s coming to Burlington.

My husband and I have lived in South Burlington, in Mayfair Park, with our 3 children since 2000. We love our neighborhood and the community that we have there. We recently renovated our house so that we could stay in our neighborhood. I worry that bringing in louder planes will cause people to leave our neighborhood and ruin the amazing community that we have. I look at the boarded up houses on Airport parkway and think what a shame it is that that neighborhood was ruined. I also think it would be a tragedy for Chamberlain school to be closed, which is a possibility if the F35s come here.

In general, I am opposed to more military presence and would rather not put money into war planes at all. That money needs to go to our schools and our social programs. I don't think Vermont should accept these planes and send the message that we think that is a good way to spend government money.

thanks,  
Jennie Lowell, MD

**Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS**

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**From:** allidemag  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 8:37 AM  
**To:** Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS  
**Subject:** VT F-35

Dear Mr. Germanos,

We wish to convey our strong support for basing the F-35's at the VT Air National Guard.

Thank you,

Allison and David DeMag